

Covid-19 Protocols for Matthews Community Center and the McDowell Arts Center

September 2020

Thank you for being a part of our programs and classes. We are glad to have you here with us! We have several precautions in place in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19. These precautions include staff and participants wearing masks, social distancing is enforced, cleaning touch surfaces every hour, health screening for all staff and participants when they enter the building, and cleaning surfaces between each class. Please note that even with the precautions, we cannot guarantee that you will not contract Covid-19. If you are feeling ill, please do not come to your program/class.

Groups are limited to a maximum of 10 participants and some may be smaller depending on the activity and the size of the room.

For Classes & Programs

- In order to limit contact with individuals, please pre-register for your program/class by calling 704-321-7275 or visit our website at matthewsnc.gov/matthewsfun to register online.
- When you arrive for a program or class, you must check in at the front desk for a health screening. If you're at the McDowell Arts Center, staff will be present downstairs; please check in here if your class is upstairs.
- Staff will scan your forehead for your temperature, and your temperature may not exceed 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Anything above 100.4 is considered a fever and you will not be permitted to attend class.
- Staff will also ask you the following health screening questions:
 1. Have you had or been in direct contact with someone who has had any symptoms consistent with Covid-19 such as fever, new loss of taste or smell, cough, or shortness of breath that are not associated with seasonal allergies, in the last 14 days?
 2. Have you been in direct contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 14 days?
- If you answer "yes" to any of the above questions, you will not be permitted to enter the building or attend class.
- As soon as you enter either building, you must wash your hands or use hand sanitizer if a sink is not immediately available. Hand sanitizer is provided in every room.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times.
- All participants ages 4 and older are required to wear a mask and/or face shield while inside the building.
- You must bring all of your own supplies and materials to class.

If you have any questions about the above protocols for September please feel free to reach out to Melissa Johnson at 704-708-1262 or mjohnson@matthewsnc.gov. These steps may change depending on what the Governor recommends for Phase 3 by September 11, 2020.